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Title: An Apparatus for Generating Two Color Printing Data, A Method
for Generating Two Color Printing Data and Recording Media

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Preliminary to examination please amend the above-identified application
as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS: ✓

Please cancel claims 1-13 without prejudice and without disclaimer of
subject matter

Please add the following claims:

--14. (New) A method for generating two-color print data, comprising the steps
of:

(a) reducing full-color digital image data to reduced-color digital image
data by reducing the color of each pixel in the full-color digital image data to one
of eight colors, wherein the color of each pixel in the reduced-color digital image
data is defined by first, second and third primary colors, each primary color
capable of exhibiting either a first intensity or a second intensity; and